vis sale capacity, outdated machinery and manual as well as labour intensive system of production, increase in the cost of raw materials and increased staff expense due to recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission.

(f) The Delhi Milk Scheme is adopting professional approaches in difference areas of operation such as marketing, transportation, reduction in operation losses and also outsourcing of some of the activities.

Post-harvest Management for fruit products

1046. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI ABMIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study on Indian food products industry has revealed that India, with around 46 million tonne or 10 per cent of world's fruit production, is considered to be the second largest producer of fruits in the world;

(b) whether the study has pointed out that the country must improve post-harvest management, logistics, to complete the world market and has pointed certain suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to implement those suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No study has been conducted by the Government to determine the production of fruits in the country. However, as per the available estimates for the year 1999-2000, the fruit production in India is 45.50 million tonnes. India is the second largest producer of fruits and our share in world production of fruits is about 10 per cent.

The Government is implementing various schemes for post harvest management of fruits such as (i) Development of commercial Horticulture through Post Harvest Management, and (ii) Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Modernization/Expansion of cold storage to address the issues on post harvest management and quality of produce.